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TO USE METHANE AS MOTOR FUEL - Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 28 Mar 51

This year, 200 million dinars will be invested for exploiting natural gas at Doinja Lendava. The production of methane and gasoline in 1951 will be eight times as great as in 1950.

Methane, produced from natural gas, will soon be used in the automobile . industry. Thus far, several trucks, cabs, and busses in Zagreb have been converted to run on methane. A number of trucks in Belgrade will soon be converted to run on either gasoline or methane. Recently, compressed methane was sent to the automobile factory in Maribor, which will use it for testing new automobile engines and thus save 800 kilograms of gasoline.

Experts have calculated that 3,360 tons of gasoline per year could be conserved, if 500 trucks, traveling 80 kilometers per day, would use methane instead of gasoline.

This year pipelines and new installations for collecting natural gas, as well as installations for producing gasoline from natural gas and liquefying butane and propane, will be set up at Dolnja Lendava. Two new compressors for filling cartridges with methane are being erected. An installation which will contain 30 compressors is now under construction. By 1 May 1951, two gascollecting centers will be completed, while two additional centers will be completed this summer. Thus far, gas has been collected from those drillings which produce only gas. Later, much of the gas will be processed from petroleum drillings.

A high-pressure installation for producing gasoline from natural gas will be built soon. Liquefied butane will be produced in Belgrade, the only large city in Yugoslavia without a gasworks. It has been estimated that one cylinder of butane, containing 8 cubic meters of gas at a pressure of 10 atmospheres,

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gistered consumers in Belgrade used 6,000 cartridges of gas, which is equivalent to 6,000 [cubic?] meters of wood. Butane, propane, and methane soon will also be used as fuel in other cities.

PRODUCE MORE COAL - Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 27 Mar 51

Coal mines in Bosnia-Herzegovina now produce three times as much coal as before the war, but have difficulty in selling it. Crumbled coal is especially plentiful in mine storehouses. However, these coal mines are not able to supply the ironworks at Zenica and Vares with sufficiently high-grade lump coal. The bituminous coal mine at Ugljevik in northern Bosnia has large quantities of coal stored, as it produces only unsorted coal, for which there is not sufficient demand. It has been established that miners use too much blasting material to increase production and thereby crush the coal excessively.

Cosl will be shipped to Austria, Italy, and West Germany during the second quarter of 1951, to decrease the amount of coal stored near mines. The mine at Idvno will ship several thousand tons of coal to Italy soon.

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